

To the Environment Committee:

It's time for Connecticut to join NY, NJ and other neighboring states in calling for more comprehensive protections from harmful pesticides. You can do this with an **update to Connecticut's 2016 Pollinator Protection Law** to keep neonicotinoids off CT lawns. Current law bars these pesticides from retail sale but allows their use on residential properties by certified pesticide applicators, including most lawn-care professionals.

Neonicotinoids are known to be one of the major factors in the death of pollinators, as well as other wildlife including many endangered species. Lawns are the largest known source of neonic pollution in urban/suburban areas. In NJ, which unlike CT digitally tracks where pesticides are used, lawn care application was the single largest tracked use in the state by a considerable margin.

**Ban Chlorpyrifos on Golf Courses.** Dow's nerve gas pesticide chlorpyrifos has devastating impacts on our health, children's developing brains, and our environment. The federal government has banned chlorpyrifos on food crops, but 90% of chlorpyrifos usage in CT is on golf courses solely for cosmetic purposes.

Thank you,  
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